

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15, 17-28, 30-34 and 36-40, and 47-50 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 46 has been cancelled without prejudice.

In the office action, claims 1-9, 11-13, 15, 17-28, 30-34 and 36-40, and 46-50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Anthony (US6,559,769) (hereinafter "Anthony"). Applicants are respectfully traversing this rejection.

Independent claim 1 is directed to an apparatus for recording, playback, and investigation of an event associated with a transportation vehicle, from at least two synchronized streams carrying audio and video and data information associated with the transportation vehicle. The transportation vehicle is in communication with a command and control center. The apparatus has at least two capture devices for capturing the audio and video streams which depict activities associated with the event. The apparatus also includes at least one recording device for recording the at least two streams depicting the activities associated with the transportation vehicle in synchronization. The apparatus further has at least one communication device for communicating at least one of the at least two recorded streams to a monitoring station; and an investigative tool for debriefing the event at a later stage. The apparatus further comprises a command and control center interface for establishing a link between the command and control center and a remote command and control center. The apparatus comprises also a multi-channel multimedia recording application that receives and records data information from the capture devices, and information transmitted from the remote command and control center. The communication between the command and control center and the remote command and control center, is captured at the command and control center. The multi-channel multimedia recording application records the data indexed and formatted into a database.

Independent claim 20 is directed to a method for the recording, playback, and investigation of an event associated with a transportation vehicle, from at least two synchronized streams carrying audio, and video, and data information associated with the transportation vehicle. The transportation vehicle is in communication with a command and control center. The method includes the steps of establishing a link between the command and control center and a remote command and control center,

receiving the at least two streams carrying audio and video and data information, and depicting activities associated with the event, from at least two capture devices. The method further includes recording in synchronization the at least two streams depicting the activities in or near the transportation vehicle and data information transmitted from the remote command and control center, by at least one recording device. The method further provides recording the streams by a multi-channel multimedia recording application; communicating at least one of the at least two recorded streams to a monitoring station by a communication device, and debriefing the event at a later stage. The communication between the command and control center and the remote command and control center, is captured at the command and control center. The multi-channel multimedia recording application records the data indexed and formatted into a database.

The independent claims include elements not disclosed by the prior art.

Anthony does not teach a **command and control center interface**.

In order to draw conclusions from an event, the event has to be fully reconstructed, and it is therefore important to understand how the command and control centers, or emergency services performed throughout the event.

For this end, the events at the command and control centers, such as a flight control tower, ambulances, police forces and others are captured as well.

The command and control centers include a nearby command and control center, such as a police vehicle located nearby the event, and a remote command and control center, such as a police headquarters. The local command and control center has an interface to the remote command and control center, and transfers the information received from the remote center to the recording application.

Since Anthony is aimed at early warning, no command and control services are involved, and there is no interface between a command and control center and a recording device. Thus, Anthony does not and can not teach a command and control interface.

Similarly, the disclosed method comprises a step of establishing a link between the command and control center and the recording device, which is not taught by Anthony.

Anthony does not teach a multi-channel multimedia recording application that records **information transmitted from the remote command and control center.**

Since Anthony does not teach capturing information from a remote command and control center, Anthony does not and can not teach recording information transmitted from a remote command and control center in a multi-channel multimedia recording application.

Although Anthony describes transferring the video from the vehicle to a control center, for example on col. 14 lines 24-26, there is no indication in Anthony as to **capturing the security personnel itself and transmitting information received from a remote command and control center**, in order to assess the performance of the security personnel and fully investigate the event.

Anthony does not teach that communication between the command and control center and the remote command and control center is **captured at the command and control center.**

In the paragraph of the office action relating to former claim 46, the Examiner stated that Anthony teaches this limitation on col. 13 lines 55-56: "video and audio information recorded in situ and then uplinked to a plurality of control centers". In these lines, Anthony teaches that the information is recorded locally, i.e., in the vehicle, and uplinked to the control center for playback, i.e., Anthony refers to remote playback and not to remote capturing as in the current application.

Similarly, the method of claim 20 includes recording the data information transmitted from the command and control center, which is not taught by Anthony.

Thus, Anthony does not disclose claim 1 or steps of claim 20. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 102 rejection of claim 1 and claim 20 are respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 1-9, 11-13, 15, and 17-19 depend from independent claim 1. Dependent claims 21-28, 30-34 and 36-40, and 47-50 depend from independent claim 20. For at least the reason of such dependence, these claims are also patentable over the cited art.

The dependent claims contain additional features absent from the prior art of record.

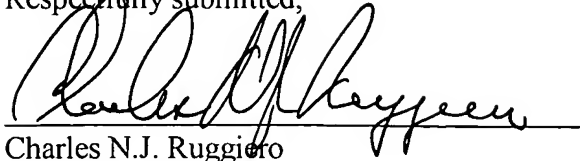
For example, dependent claim 11 requires that one of the streams is synchronized with radio transmission or communication made by a person on the vehicle. Claim 30 requires that one of the two streams be synchronized with a radio signal. Further, claim 33 requires that one of the at least two capture devices is a radio receiver capturing transmission or communication made by a person on the vehicle.

A radio communication network is a common means for communicating between personnel on the vehicle and emergency services. In order to fully investigate an event in which the vehicle is involved, including the performance of the personnel on board as well as the control personnel, it is therefore important to capture the data received and transmitted through this channel as well. Since some of this communication may not be captured, if no audio or video recorder is located nearby, then capturing is performed through the receiver itself.

In view of the above arguments and amendments applicant believes that the application is in order for allowance, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

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